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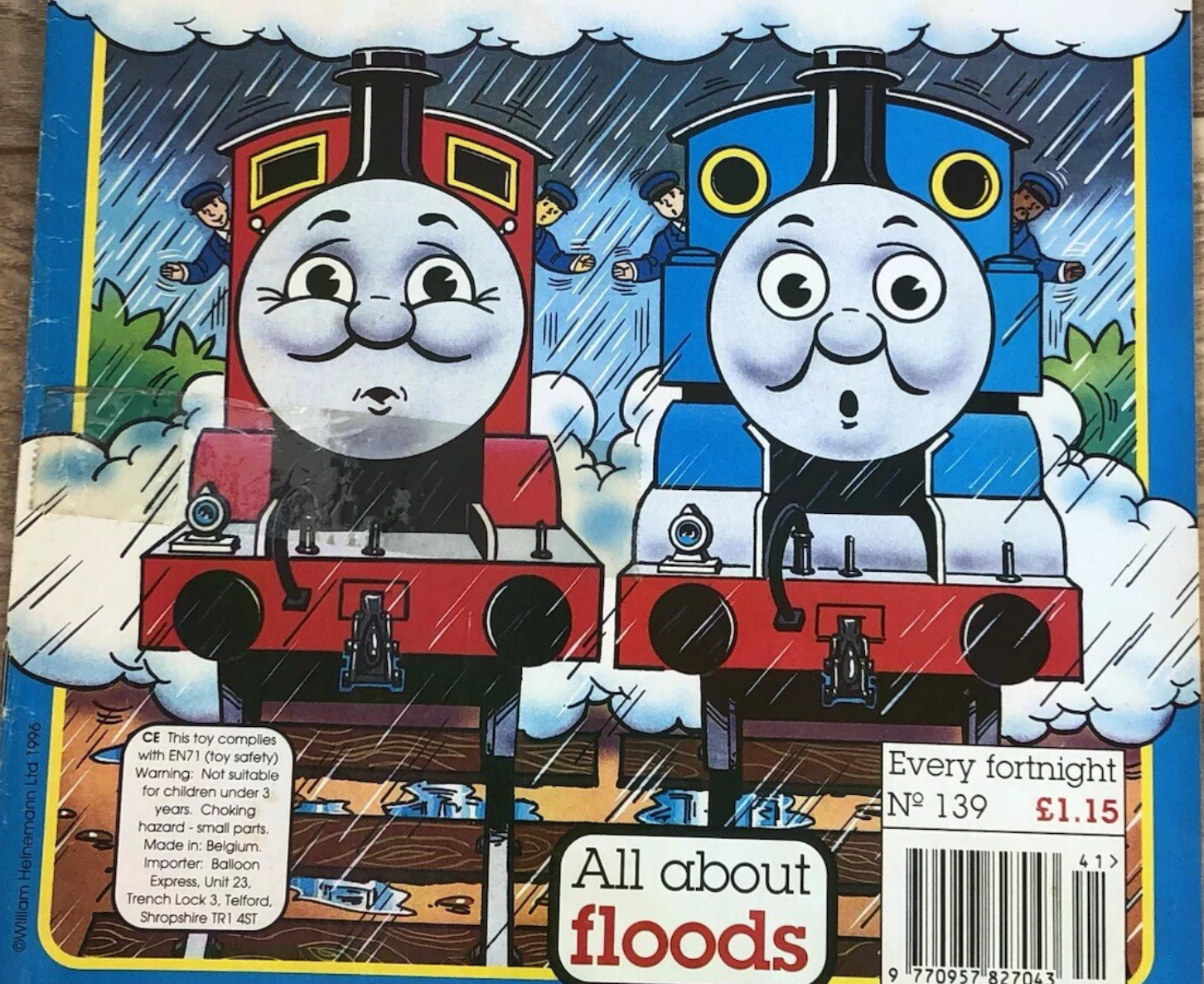

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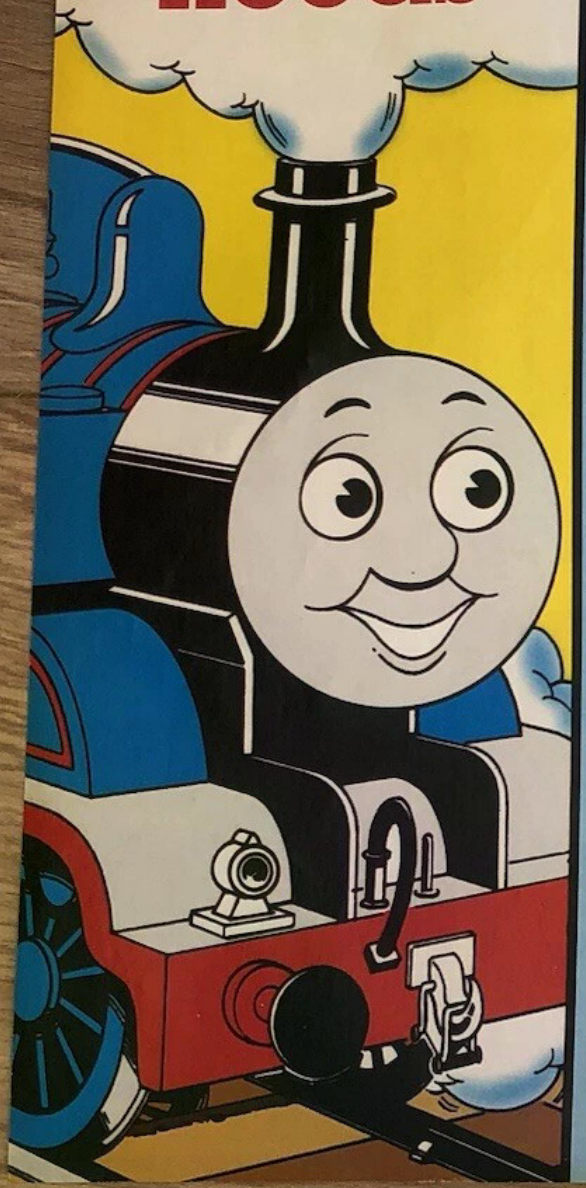

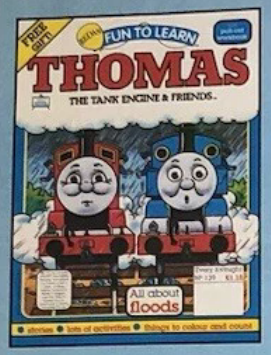

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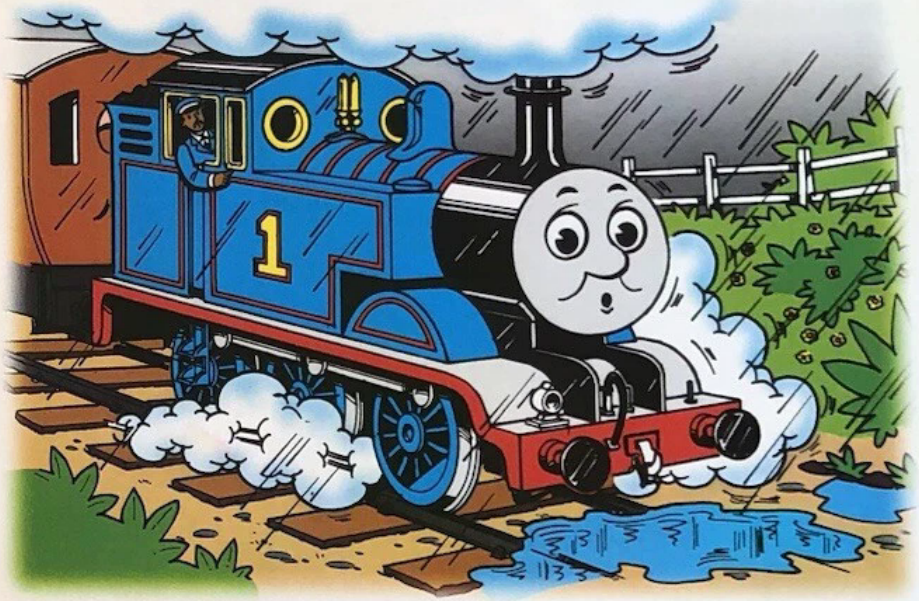
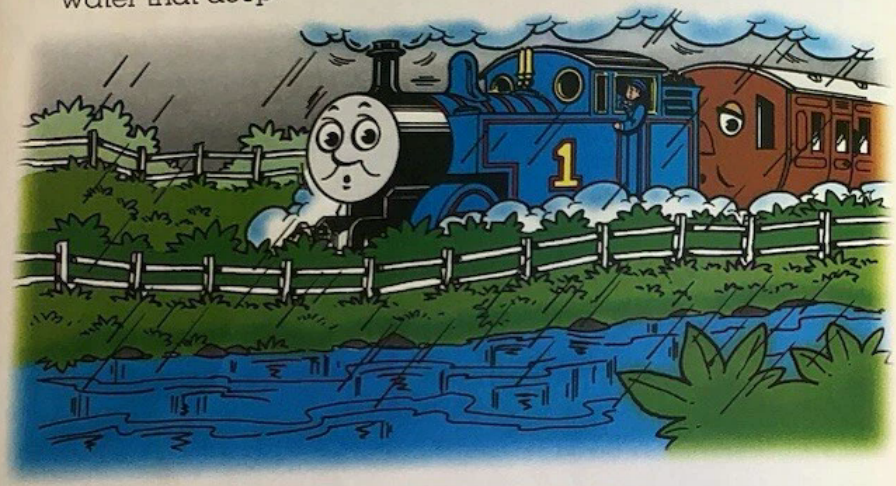


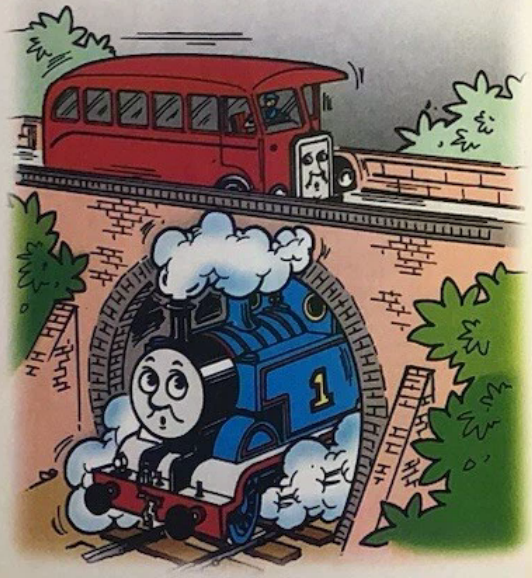
1 They were having very wet weather on the Island of Sodor. As Thomas puffed along his branch line, it seemed to him that it had been raining for days. Looking ahead, he saw a pool of water lying across his rails.

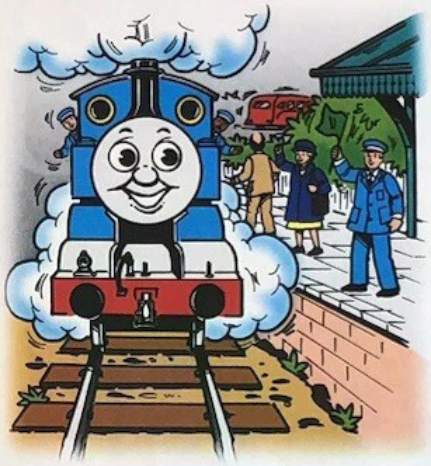
2 "Slow down, slow down," said Thomas, because he knew it would be dangerous to go through the water at his usual speed. So his driver slowed him down and they went through the water safely.

3 But as he went by, Thomas had a look at the road which ran alongside his tracks. There was much more water on the road! It had flooded! "Oh dear," said Thomas, "that doesn't look safe. I don't think any cars could get through water that deep."



4 He puffed away and a little further on he saw his friend Bertie the Bus going over a bridge across the railway. "Turn back, Bertie! Turn back, Bertie!" peeped Thomas. Bertie stopped and asked Thomas what the matter was and Thomas told Bertie about the flood across the road.





5 "You won't be able to get through until the flood has been drained. Why don't you take your passengers back to my station and I can take them to the town while you collect some workmen to drain the flood." Bertie agreed and the workmen soon drained all the water away. Meanwhile, Thomas collected all Bertie's passengers, as well as his own, and took them to the town.

6 When he got there, the Fat Controller was on the platform. "I've heard how you helped Bertie so he could get the flood cleared," said the Fat Controller. "You have both done good work today and I am very proud of you. You are a Really Useful Engine!"

COUNTING TIME

After heavy rainfall, floods can occur along the Fat Controller's railway. Here are some of the things that he and the guards use when it floods, for you to count.

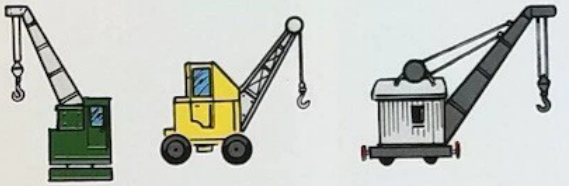
6
buckets

6
wellington boots

1
boat

warning signs

3
coils of rope



3
cranes

6
ladders

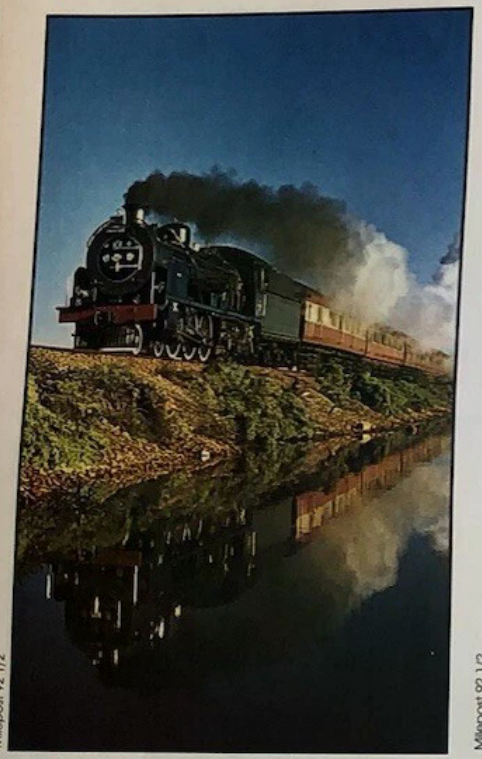
The roof in the station waiting room is leaking. Draw a circle round the bucket that has caught the most water.

How many buckets altogether?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

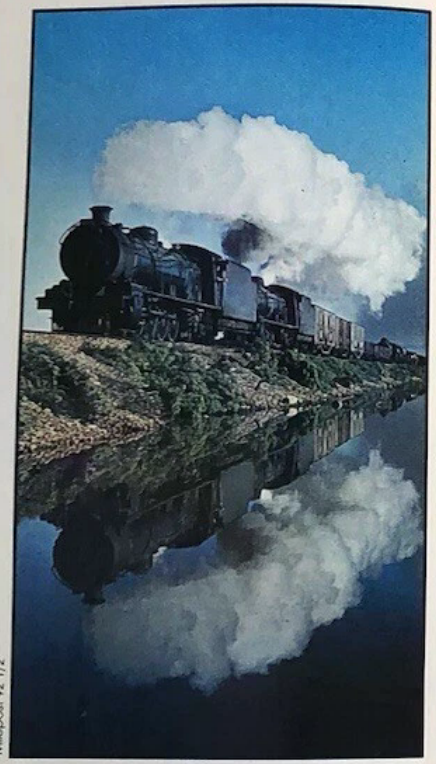
FLOODS AND FLOODING

Flooding can sometimes happen when too much rain falls all at once!



Milepost 92 1/2

This passenger train is passing a flooded river caused by a high tide in the sea. The driver has just put more coal on the fire which has made the white steam coming from the chimney, change to black smoke.



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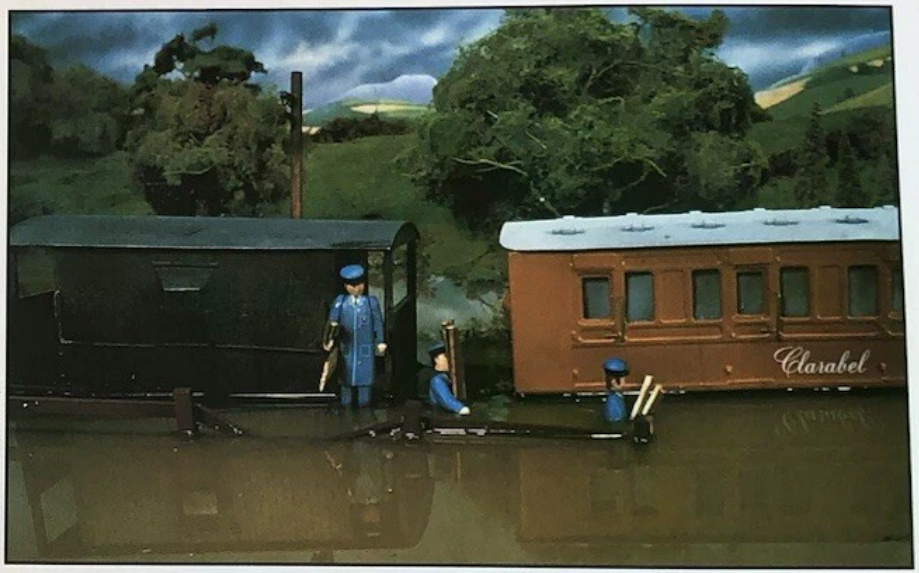
This freight train has two engines. This is called "Double Heading". It is passing the flood waters of the Swartkops River in South Africa. The train is reflected in the flood water like a mirror.



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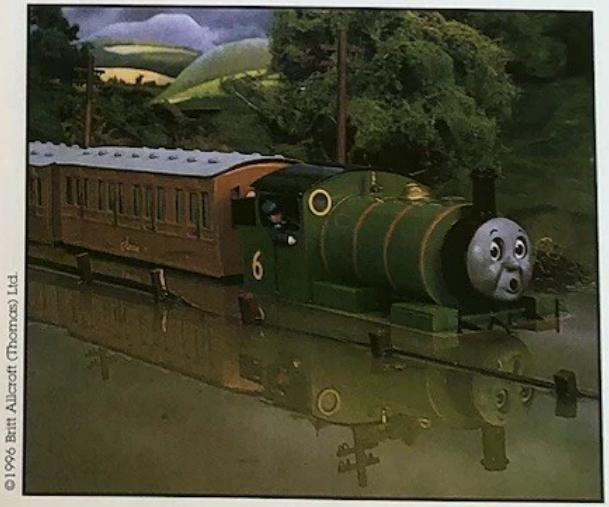
Oh dear! The river along Thomas's branch line has burst its banks and flooded the railway line.

How many guards are helping the coaches? ☐



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The bridge that Percy is travelling along has collapsed and poor Percy has fallen into the flood waters below!

Is Percy pulling trucks or coaches?

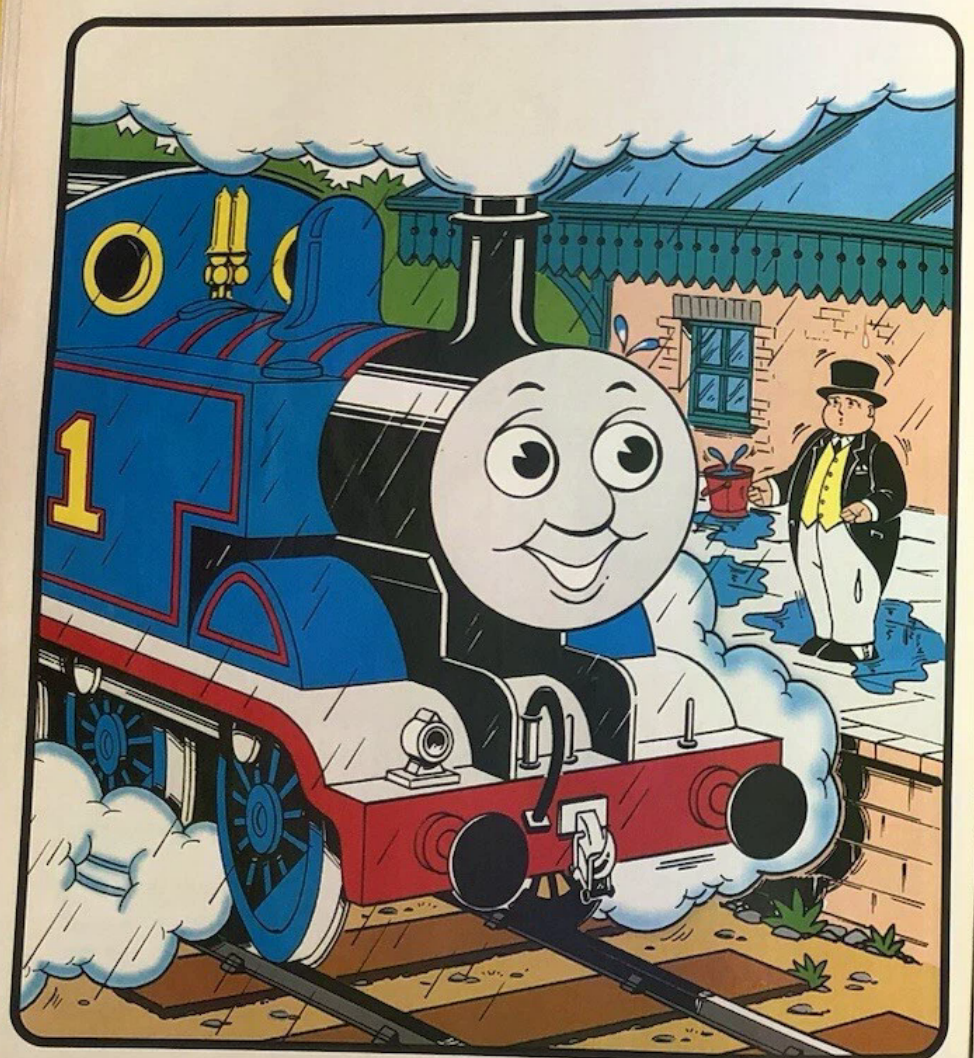
trucks ☐

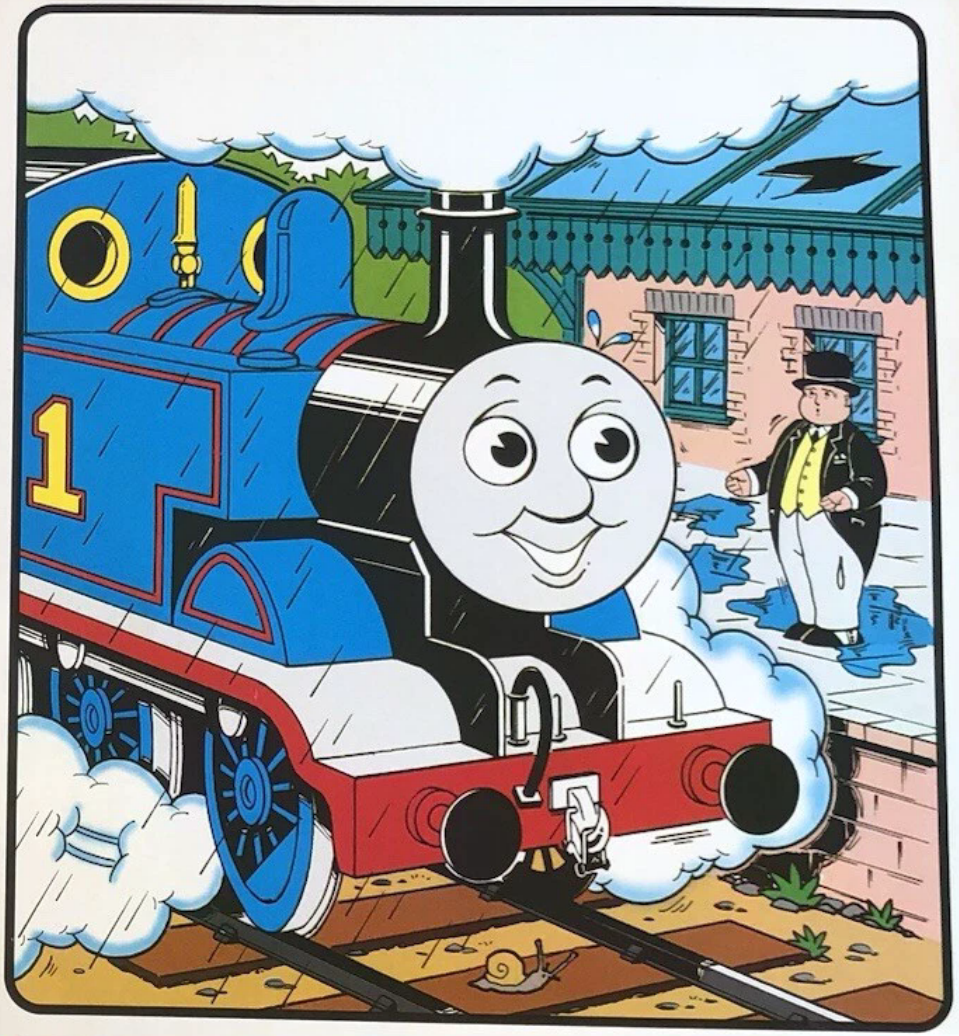
coaches ☐

(tick ✔the correct box)

PLATFORM PUDDLES

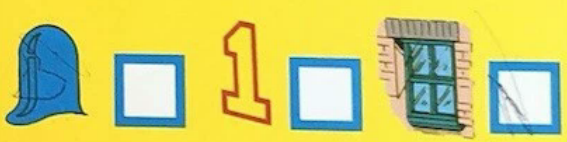
Look carefully at the two pictures below and circle the **six differences** between them.





Can you find?...

Tick ✔ each box when you find the small objects in the large pictures.



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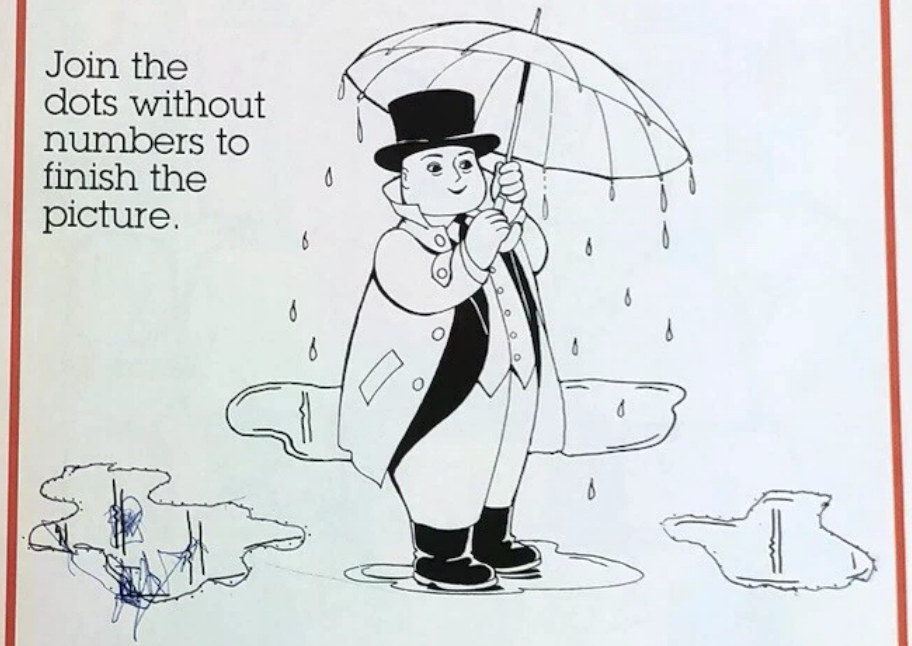
The Fat Controller is waiting for one of the engines.

Join the dots without numbers to finish the picture.



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The **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends pull-out Workbook** is designed to encourage practice in all basic pre-school and pre-reading skills, with your child's favourite **Thomas characters** to add to the fun.

Write the numbers in the boxes.

clouds

raindrops

puddles

umbrellas

rainhats

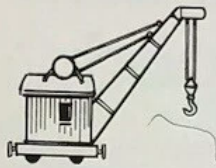
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

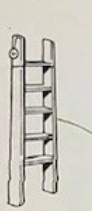
Draw Bulgy in the space.

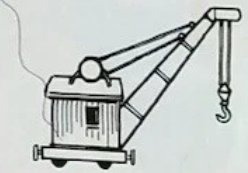
B is for Bulgy

(write over the letters)

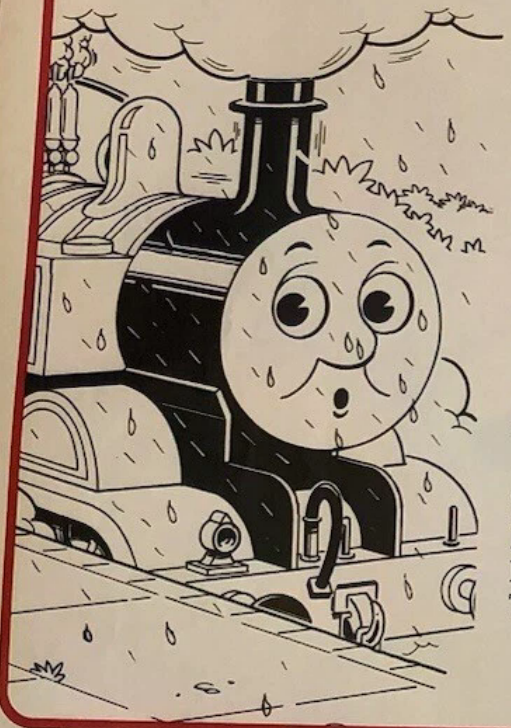
Draw lines to join each object to its partner.







Thomas and the Flood



On Thomas's railway
There were delays.
Rain had been falling
For two or three days.

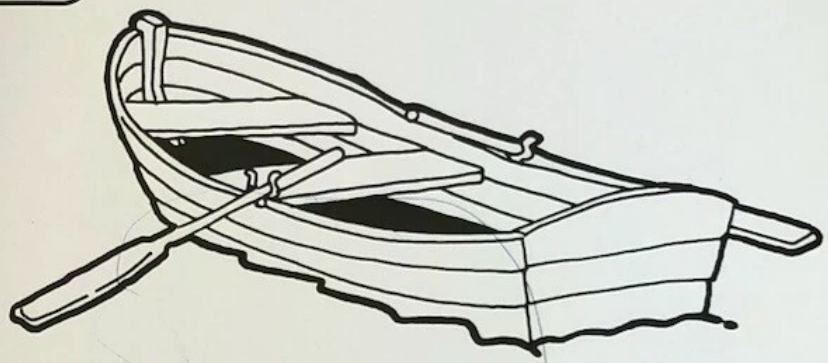
The level of rivers
And streams was so high.
They had burst their banks,
There was flooding nearby.

Thomas' line's underwater,
He says, "I can't move
When the firemen arrive
Things will improve!

They'll pump all the water
Down a big drain.
I'll be glad to get back
To pulling my train!"

What do you remember about the rhyme?

- Why were there delays on Thomas's railway?
- Why can't Thomas move?
- What happened to the level of the rivers?
- Will Thomas be happy to be pulling his train again?

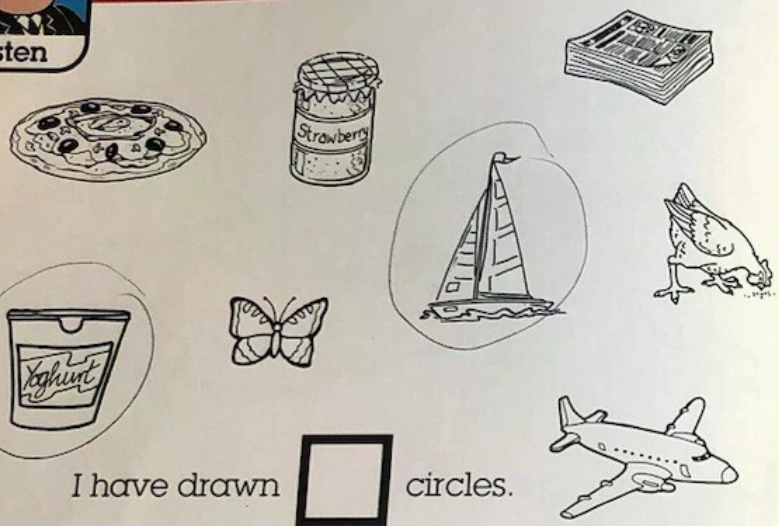


boat

(write over the letters)

Copy your own boat here.

Draw a circle round everything that begins with **Y**.



I have drawn ☐ circles.

CHECK LIST

Put a tick ✔ in the boxes by the pages you have done.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

ABOVE THE FLOOD

So much rain has fallen and the river below Henry and Edward has burst its banks!
Put a tick ✔ in each box when you find each object in the large picture.

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How many boxes have you ticked?

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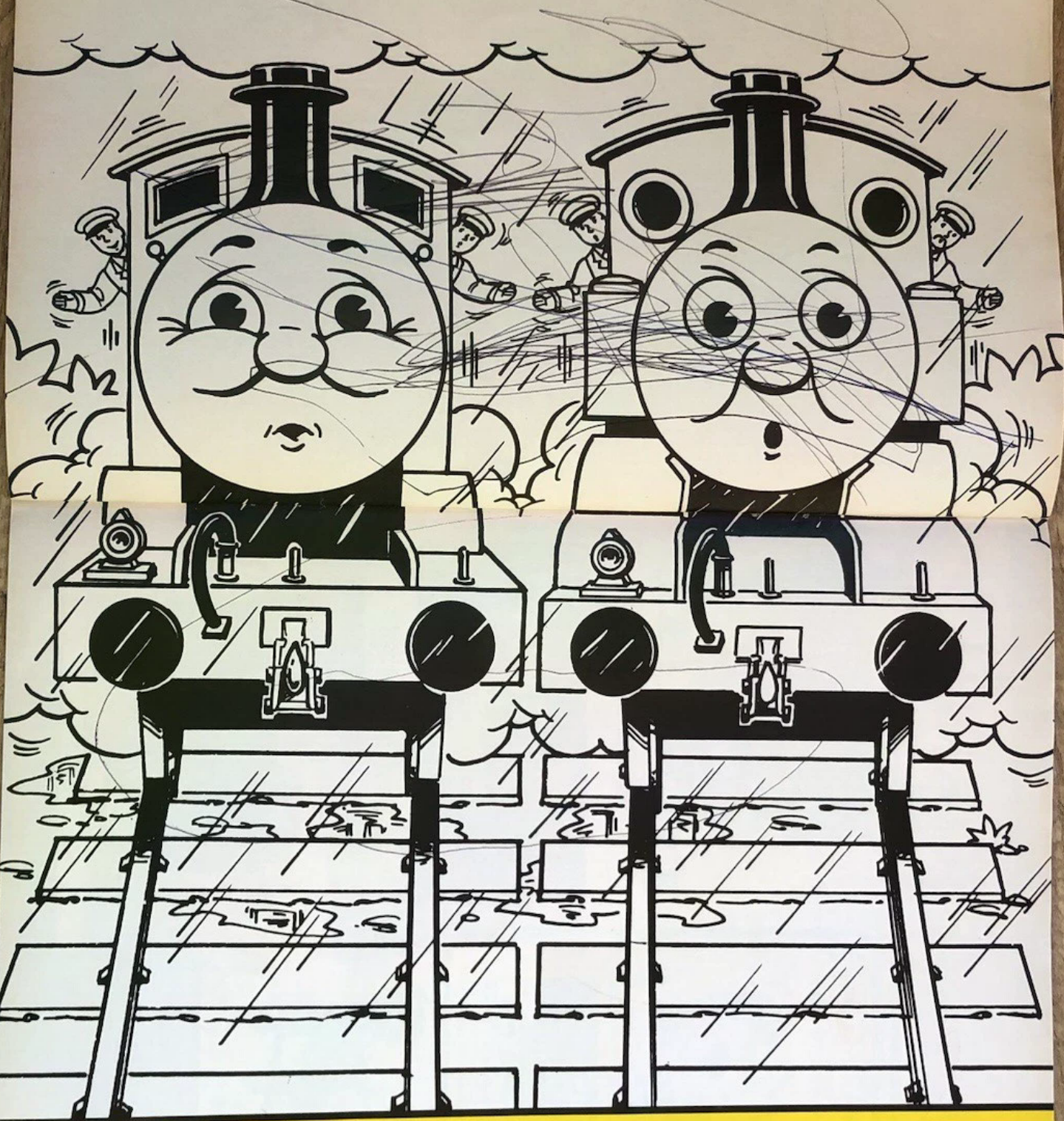
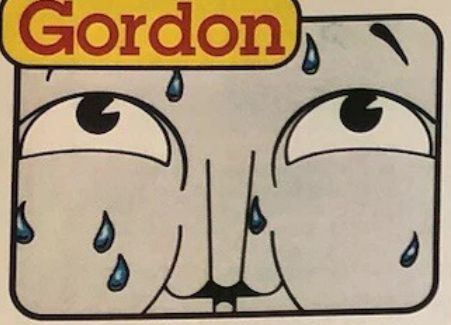
COLOURING TIME



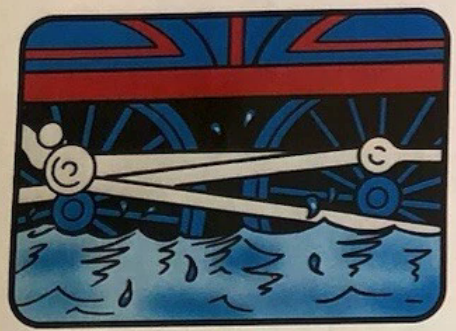
"Slow down!" peeped Thomas to James urgently. "It's started raining very heavily and soon the tracks will be flooded with water."

Gordon



Gordon is wet
He starts to complain.

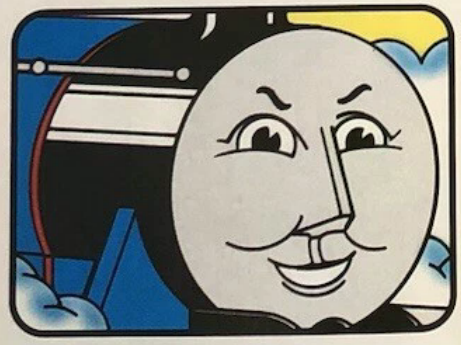
"Why must we stop?
I hate all this rain.



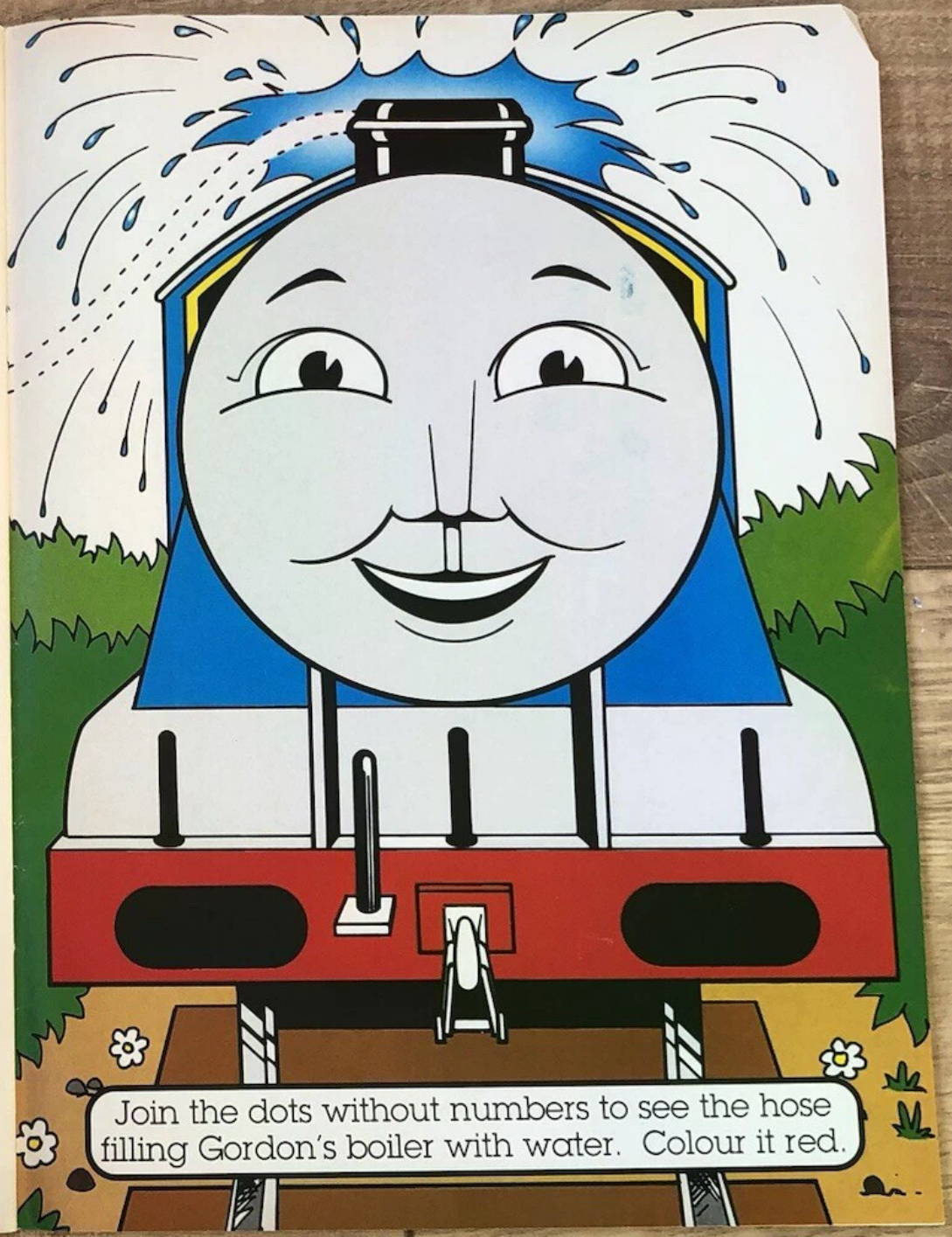
Suppose I get flooded
It can happen, you know!

Wet coal cannot burn,
So I'll be really slow.

My boiler needs water
That I now see,



Such thoughts of flooding
Were worrying me!"



Join the dots without numbers to see the hose filling Gordon's boiler with water. Colour it red.

This is called a suburban train because it takes lots of people to work and to shop in large towns and cities. This suburban train is crossing a big bridge in Sunderland.

How many arches can you see on the bridge?

PEEP! PEEP!

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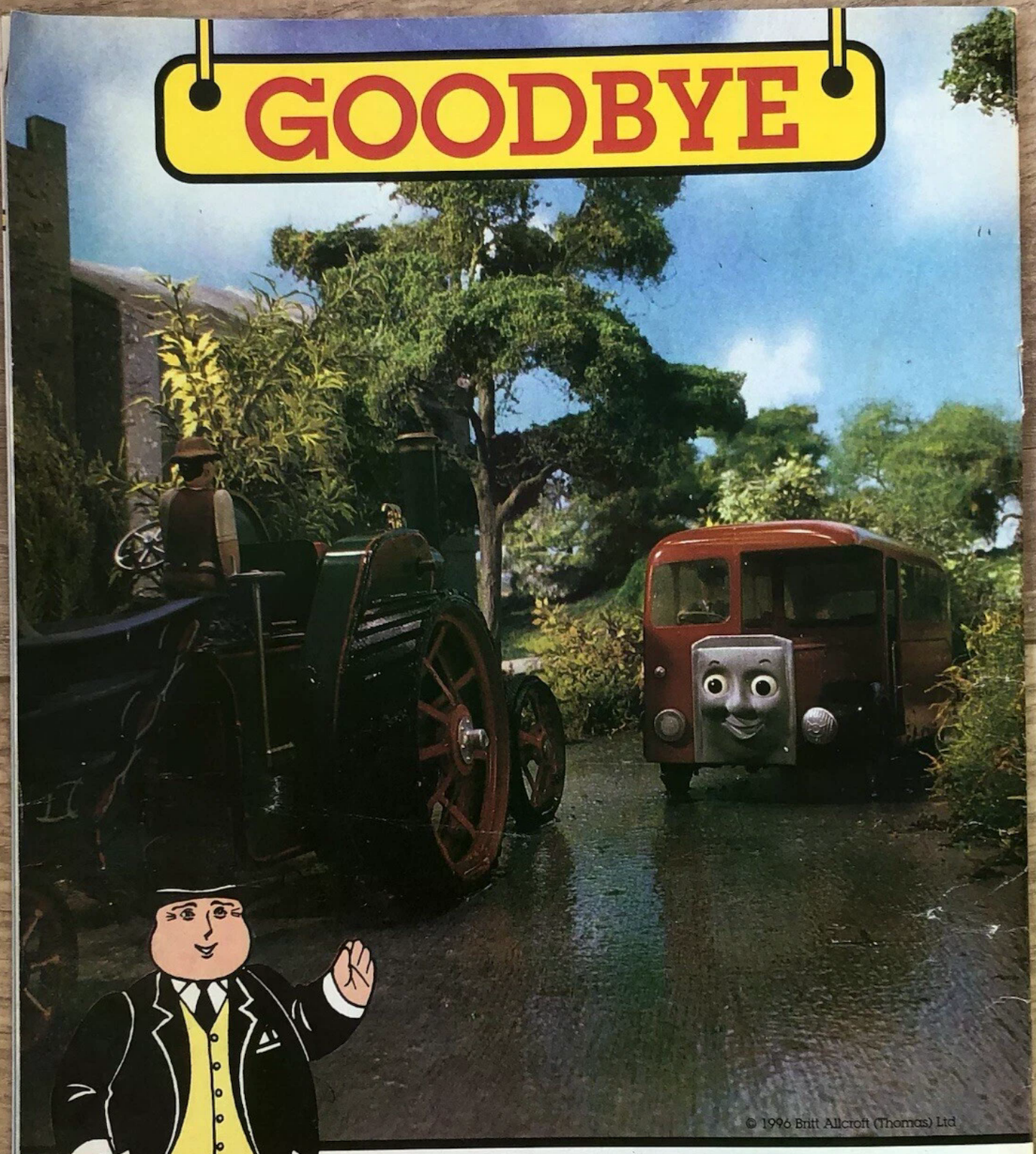

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